

# June 22, 2006

## Letter From Dr. Evertsz (Pfizer) to Dr. Katz (FDA)

**Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals**

22 June 2006

Russell G. Katz, MD  
Division Director  
Division of Neurology  
Products (HFD-120)  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Food and Drug Administration  
5901-B Annapolis Road  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705-1266

RE: NEURONTIN®(gabapentin) capsules NDA 20-235  
NEURONTIN®(gabapentin) tablets NDA 20-802\*  
NEURONTIN®(gabapentin) oral solution NDA 21-129\*

Request for Information - Response to FDA suicidality request

Dear Dr. Katz:

Reference is made to NDA 20-235, NDA 20-802 and NDA 21-129 for Neurontin® (gabapentin) capsules, tablets and oral solution (collectively).

Reference is also made to the letter from the FDA dated 10/24/05 regarding the "possibly suicidal" and correspondence. On 24 October 2005, criteria of substandard subjects, patient and was a second list of criteria with an exclusion of the gabapentin oral solution to exclude.

Further reference is dated 20 April 2006.

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Category	Gabapentin (N=5194) n (%)	Placebo (N=2682) n (%)	Active Control (N=661) n (%)	Low-Dose Placebo (N=292) n (%)
Completed suicide (code 1)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
Suicide attempt (code 2)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
Preparatory acts towards imminent suicidal behavior (code 3)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
Self-injurious behavior, intent unknown (code 4)	1 (0.019)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
Suicidal ideation (code 5)	2 (0.039)	1 (0.037)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
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- Fatal (code 6a)	1 (0.019)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)
- Non-fatal (code 6b)	2 (0.039)	3 (0.112)	0 (0.000)	0 (0.000)

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# Mr. Smith's Pain Complaints

1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
<b>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rectal <b>pain</b> with radiation, began after knee surgery Spalding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-625NUC-00027</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand tightness; decreased grip Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00009</li> <li>Pelvic <b>pain</b> Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00216</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right heel <b>pain</b>; right knee <b>pain</b> Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00077</li> <li>Bilateral knee <b>pain</b> Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00076</li> <li>Right hip <b>pain</b> Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00076</li> <li>Suprapubic <b>pain</b> [groin area] Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00075</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left hip <b>pain</b> extending to groin Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00074</li> </ul> <b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back <b>pain</b>, upper abdominal burning; tiredness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00217</li> <li>Left jaw and ear pressure/soreness; left facial numbness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00013</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testicular <b>pain</b> Spalding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-625NUC-00025</li> </ul> <b>Dr. David M. Dyer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic right groin/testicular <b>pain</b> 000006-625NUC-00055</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. David M. Dyer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left groin <b>pain</b> 000006-625NUC-00054</li> </ul> <b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left jaw, throat, and ear pressure Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00013-16</li> <li>Left shoulder complaints; left hip soreness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00015-16</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Michael Santi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic abdominal <b>pain</b> Colon &amp; Rectal Surgery Associates, 000006-48CRSA-00009</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe left knee problems; <b>pain</b> in left ankle Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00071</li> </ul> <b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swelling in hands and ankles; left knee problems Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00220</li> <li>Tenderness in left ribs Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00022</li> </ul>
1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left knee tightness; <b>pain</b> in left ankle Nashville Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00064</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbness to left side of face/eye; left tooth problems Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00023</li> <li>Left chest soreness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00223</li> </ul> <b>Dr. David M. Dyer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left groin <b>pain</b> 000006-30HMA-00072</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left knee ache Tennessee Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00063</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe right hip <b>pain</b> Tennessee Orthopedic Associates, 000006-69AOC-00062</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Eugene M. Regan Jr.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right hip and groin <b>pain</b>; significant limp Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AOC-00061</li> <li>Difficulty sleeping because of hip <b>pain</b> Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AOC-00061</li> <li>Left shoulder problems Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TGA-00047</li> </ul> <b>Vicki Bryant, P.T.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low back <b>pain</b>; foot symptoms 000006-69AOC-00133</li> </ul> <b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower abdominal <b>pain</b> Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00029</li> <li>Chest <b>pain</b>; arm tingling; numbness to left side of face Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00030</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficulty urinating, with burning Spalding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-625NUC-00023</li> </ul> <b>RAH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower abdominal <b>pain</b> Colon &amp; Rectal Surgery Associates, 000006-48CRSA-00006</li> <li>Pressure in rectum, scrotum, and groin Colon &amp; Rectal Surgery Associates, 000006-48CRSA-00006</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Eugene M. Regan Jr.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right knee <b>pain</b>; low back <b>pain</b>; left knee tightness Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TGA-00046</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testicular <b>pain</b>; erectile discomfort Spalding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-625NUC-00018</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chest discomfort; facial soreness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00012-31</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Eugene M. Regan Jr.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left ankle <b>pain</b> Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TGA-00044-45</li> <li>Increasing right knee <b>pain</b> with significant limp Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TGA-00044-45</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. James Cato</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Left shoulder soreness and biceps tenderness Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00006-37</li> <li><b>Pain</b> under rib cage Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00116-117</li> </ul> <b>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right knee stiffness Tennessee Orthopedic Associates, 000006-32TGA-00023</li> </ul> <b>Baptist Hospital ER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rib <b>pain</b>; shoulder <b>pain</b>; chest <b>pain</b>; abdominal <b>pain</b> 000006-78BAH-00019</li> </ul>

# Mr. Smith's Pain Complaints

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
<div>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Left sacroiliac <b>pain</b> [hip/buttocks region] <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00022</small></li><li>Left knee flare-up; ankle soreness <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00023</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. James Cato</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Left knee <b>pain</b> <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00042-43</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Groin <b>pain</b> <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00014</small></li></ul>	<div>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Left shoulder <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00022</small></li><li>Left knee <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00016</small></li><li>Left knee and left ankle <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00015</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. James Cato</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pain</b> across shoulder blades <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00048-49</small></li><li>Neck <b>pain</b> and stiffness; vertigo <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00050-51</small></li><li>Neck/shoulder <b>pain</b> and spasms; rib soreness; poor sleep <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00052-53</small></li><li>Chest soreness <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00054-55</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Gregory Mowery</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vertigo; balance problems <small>Otolaryngology Associates of Tennessee, 000006-11OAF-00001</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Groin <b>pain</b> <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00013</small></li></ul>	<div>Dr. Stewart F. Stowers</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Left shoulder <b>pain</b> and weakness <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00021</small></li><li>Left knee <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00021</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intermittent groin <b>pain</b> <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00012</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Stuart E. Smith</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Global <b>pain</b> and stiffness <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00008</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Jeffrey P. Lawrence</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Left shoulder <b>pain</b> and inability to lift arm <small>Premier Orthopaedics &amp; Sports Medicine, 000006-12POS-00007</small></li></ul>	<div>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intermittent groin <b>pain</b>; <b>pain</b> with urination <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00011</small></li><li>Leg and spine <b>pain</b> <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00018</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Michael Santi</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lower abdominal <b>pain</b> <small>Colon &amp; Rectal Surgery Associates, 000006-48CRSA-00005</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. James Cato</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sore joints; bladder/prostate symptoms <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00058-59</small></li><li><b>Pain</b> in all joints; not sleeping <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00060-62</small></li><li>Joint <b>pain</b>; back <b>pain</b>/numbness/tingling <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00040-141</small></li><li>Anxiety and depression <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00063-64</small></li><li>Nerve prickling down back; <b>pain</b> in legs, knees, ankles after lumbar surgery <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00063-64</small></li><li>Right hamstring spasm <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-30HMA-00065-66</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Michel McDonald</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Arthritis <small>Vanderbilt University Medical Center, 000006-40VUM-00009</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Stuart E. Smith</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pain</b> in buttocks radiating to calves <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00006</small></li><li>Bilateral hip and knee <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00006</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Carl Hampf</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hip, back, and bilateral leg <b>pain</b> and paresthasias <small>000006-53CAF-00001-4</small></li><li>Frequent joint <b>pain</b>, even in replaced joints <small>000006-1PRD-00162-165</small></li><li>Depressed because of <b>pain</b> and lack of sleep <small>000006-1PRD-00162-165</small></li></ul>	<div>Dr. Frank M. Berklacich</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant low back and bilateral leg <b>pain</b> <small>000006-18FMB-00002-3</small></li><li>Numbness and pins/needles in both legs <small>000006-18FMB-00002-3</small></li><li>Weakness and difficulty walking <small>000006-18FMB-00002-3</small></li><li>Sleep impaired by <b>pain</b> <small>000006-18FMB-00002-3</small></li><li>Diarrhea due to anxiety and <b>pain</b> <small>000006-52FMB-00041</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Paul R. McCombs III</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Back and bilateral leg <b>pain</b> <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-34NEA-00021</small></li><li>Back and bilateral leg <b>pain</b> symptoms unchanged <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-34NEA-00020</small></li><li>Severe low back and leg <b>pain</b> after lumbar surgery <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00408</small></li><li>Continues with <b>pain</b> and is very concerned <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00408</small></li><li>Wishes he could die because of <b>pain</b> and depression <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-1PRD-00408</small></li><li>Increased leg <b>pain</b> after lumbar surgery <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-34NEA-00001</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Jeffrey L. Herring</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Right ankle <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-69AQC-00003</small></li></ul> <div>Powers Chiropractic Clinic</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Right shoulder <b>pain</b> <small>000006-128MAC-00002-3</small></li></ul>	<div>Neurosurgical Associates</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shocking sensation in bilateral legs <small>000006-34NEA-00002</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. James Cato</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pain</b> from back to ankles <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00007</small></li><li>Left shoulder <b>pain</b>; chest tightness <small>Heritage Medical Associates, 000006-42HMA-00009-90</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. William A. Shell</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Persistent low back <b>pain</b> since lumbar surgery <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00002-3</small></li><li>Bilateral radiating leg <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00002-3</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Edward S. Mackey</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increasing left leg <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00004</small></li><li>Thoracic spine <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00015-16</small></li><li>Back and radicular <b>pain</b>; knee <b>pain</b> <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00005, 9</small></li><li>Knee <b>pain</b>; worsening bilateral leg <b>pain</b>, using wheelchair, not sleeping well <small>Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance, 000006-32TOA-00007</small></li></ul> <div>Dr. Tom Nesbitt</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Difficulty urinating since back surgery <small>Spaulding &amp; Nesbitt Urology Clinic, 000006-62SMUC-00000</small></li></ul> <div>Pam Krancer, R.N., C.S., CNRN</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bilateral leg <b>pain</b> radiating from buttocks, perineal area [groin], and thigh to knees <small>Neurosurgical Associates, 000006-34NEA-00003</small></li></ul> <div>Physical Therapy Evaluation</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pain</b>/tingling from lumbar spine to ankle; left groin <b>pain</b> <small>University Medical Center, 000006-35UMC-00008</small></li><li><b>Pain</b> in knees and ankles; <b>pain</b> excruciating and sharp <small>University Medical Center, 000006-35UMC-00009</small></li></ul>



# Mr. Smith's Surgeries

**1984**

Tonsillectomy

Dr. Dale Beck, 000006-1PRD-00025-26

**1985**

Right knee surgery for torn cartilage

Dr. John Brunn, 000006-1PRD-00025-26

**March 10, 1988**

Left knee surgery for torn cartilage

Dr. Burton Elrod, 000006-1PRD-00025-26

**January 3, 1990**

Transurethral resection of prostate

Dr. Tom Nesbitt, 000006-62SNUC-00048-49

**May 29, 1991**

Left inguinal hernia repair

Dr. David M. Dyer, 000006-62SNUC-00053

**November 16, 1993**

**Total left knee replacement**

Dr. Stewart F. Stowers, 000006-69AQC-00067

**November 20, 1995**

Left inguinal hernia repair with mesh prosthesis

Dr. David M. Dyer, 000006-30HMA-00072

**May 2, 1996**

**Total right hip replacement**

Dr. Eugene M. Regan Jr., 000006-85BAH-00197-198

**May 11, 1998**

Incision of bladder neck contracture

Dr. Tom Nesbitt, 000006-85BAH-00405-406

**June 19, 1998**

**Total right knee replacement**

Dr. Eugene M. Regan Jr., 000006-78BAH-00009-11

**March 3, 2003**

Lumbar epidural steroid injection under fluoroscopy

000006-15PRR-00002

**March 21, 2003**

Lumbar epidural steroid injection under fluoroscopy

000006-15PRR-00001

**April 1, 2003**

**Lumbar laminectomy with fusion at three levels: L3-L4, L4-L5, and L5-S1**

Dr. Paul R. McCombs III, 000006-64CMD-00119

**September 24, 2003**

Micrographic surgery to remove basal cell carcinoma from nose

Dr. Thomas Stasko, 000006-39WBH-00026-27

**December 11, 2003**

Cataract extraction with lens implantation in the left eye

Dr. Kaswinkel, 000006-47LVC-00016

1980s

1990s

2000s

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✓ Any change in mood Depressed because of pain + lack of sleep

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# May 2, 2003

## Neurosurgical Associates Notes – Dr. McCombs

NEUROSURGICAL ASSOCIATES  
PATIENT: SMITH, Mr. Richard H. Page 4  
DOCTOR: Paul McCombs, M.D. B.D.

21 April 03 CV: The patient returns to the office today in followup status post GLL four weeks ago. He is doing well at the present time and is pleased with the results of his surgery to date. His wound is healing nicely and looks fine. I have advised him regarding the care of his back during this period of convalescence. He will use his discomfort as a guide for his activity. He will return to see me in four weeks in followup and further recommendations will depend on how he is doing at that time. PRM/jp

.No letter.

4/29/03 pt c/o lot of leg pain being severe after going to church and out to lunch. He has a Medrol Dosepak that he will start on 4/29/03. He has taken 50 mg. of Vicoff already today.

4/30/03 pt continues w/ pain & is very concerned. 1:30 AM CMC CBC & diff sent. Red plate, Proth. fcltd 342-15503

5/1/03 pt returns per PT that X-ray is good as well as pain

4/30 patient's daughter states pt. wishes he could die because of pain & depression. Advised to take pt. to ER for psych. eval & tx. per pt.

Spoke w[ith] p[atien]t's daughter. States p[atien]t wishes he could die because of pain and depression. Advised to take p[atient]t to ER for psych. eval and tx [treatment].

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# May 13, 2004

## Police Report

Complaint # 04-240830  
Off/Class: Death-Suicide  
Victim: Richard H. Smith  
Date: 5-13-04

Metropolitan Police Department  
Homicide Unit  
Supplement Report

On 5-13-04 at 0620 hours I arrived at 1443 Janie Avenue in response to the above victim being deceased due to a gunshot wound. I immediately interviewed the victim's wife, Ruth Brown Smith. Mrs. Smith states that about one year ago, the victim had hip and knee replacement surgery and has been in constant pain since that time. On 3-1-04, the victim mentioned to his daughter, Cindy Smith, that he might take his own life. On

the night of 2-12-04, Mrs. Smith slept upstairs and the victim slept in his downstairs room. About 0500 hours, Mrs. Smith came downstairs and saw that there was a light in the victim's room. The victim came into the den where Mrs. Smith was lying on the couch. The victim went back into his bedroom. Mrs. Smith heard a gunshot and found the victim's bedroom door to be locked. Mrs. Smith was able to get the door unlocked and found the victim on the floor in the bedroom.

I then went into the victim's bedroom and observed the victim sitting on the floor beside the bed. There was a white plastic bag on the bed and a large amount of blood on the bed and floor near the bed. There was also a bullet hole in the wall to the left of the victim over the headboard of the bed. There was a note on the dresser that indicated that the victim had caused his own death. This note was collected and turned into property room. There was a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver (ser. #406944) lying on the floor near the victim's feet. There was one spent round in the cylinder and five live rounds. The victim was holding a pillow. The victim was dressed in pajamas and was wearing black house shoes and socks. It appears that the victim had placed the plastic bag on the bed to prevent the soiling of the bed with biohazard material. Further examination revealed a gunshot wound to the right side of the victim's head and an exit wound to the left side of the victim's head. This is also consistent with the location of the bullet hole in the wall to the left of the victim. The victim and his wife were the only people in the residence at the time of this incident. There were no signs of forced entry into the residence. There are also no indications of anything other than a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Det. Danny Satterfield  
C.I.D./Homicide

*Sgt. Danny Satterfield* 275F4  
5-13-04

000006-96MNP-00010

## Metropolitan Police Department

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On 3-1-04, the victim mentioned to his daughter, Cindy Smith, that he might take his own life.

# March 31, 2004

## Dr. McCombs's Notes

### NEUROSURGICAL ASSOCIATES

PATIENT: SMITH, Mr. Richard  
DOCTOR: Paul McCombs, M.D. Page 7 B.D.:

3/24/04 OV: The patient is seen in the office at the request of his wife. He is again having bilateral leg pain that radiates down his buttocks, perineal area, anterior part of his thigh and down to his knee. It does not go any further. He has difficulty with standing and ambulation. He went to see Dr. Mackey and Dr. Howell. After they worked him up they would not see him because he would not let them do his initial surgery. Review of the reports shows that he has stenosis at L2-3 and Dr. Mackey told him that it is recorded there is a break off of his fusion material that is encroaching some of the nerves in his lower back. Review of the CT and post myelogram shows spinal stenosis above his fusion site. I have discussed at length a treatment plan. He will have an ESI and start Neurontin 300 mg. po tid. He will followup with Dr. McCombs. He will also have an EMG per Dr. Clinton.

On exam he has a positive SLR at approximately 60 degrees for posterior thigh pain. He has had bilateral knee replacements and therefore it is difficult to evaluate knee reflexes. He has decreased ankle jerks in both legs. He denies any urinary or bowel incontinence. PRM/jb

31 March 04 OV: The patient returns to the office today in followup. He had been seen by his orthopedist who sent him to Dr. Mackey who ordered a myelogram study. Dr. Mackey did not feel that the patient needed additional surgery. The patient was referred back here. His myelogram study demonstrated no nerve compromise. His EMG study demonstrated bilateral L5 and S1 radiculopathy which would explain his hip and leg pain. He is not a candidate for any type of operative intervention. He will be treated conservatively. He was instructed to take Ibuprofen 600 mg. t.i.d. and was given a prescription for Lortab to take as needed #45 with two refills. PRM/jb

No letter

5/5/04 Pt called c/o shooting & sticking feeling in buttocks & legs. He stated that he is having no relief. He is on Neurontin, Lortab w/ no relief. He is having PT at present but that hasn't helped so far. ESI has been contraindicated by Dr. Schmitt but pt does not want to do that either. Will call back if he decides to take advantage of ESI at later date.  
000006-34NEA-00003

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Pain has taken over my Mind & Body

I need Back Surgery

Left & Right Rotator Cuffs

Right Bicep Torn

Back Surgery to correct Pain in Legs

Forgive me, I cannot go on like this!

I cannot have my body, the temple  
of the Holy Spirit cut on anymore

I have talked to God all night and  
He understands,

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000006-1PRD-00009

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Prostatitis  
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000006-130DE-00001

**1990**

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000006-625NUC-00048-49

Acute iliopsoas strain (left hip)  
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Acid peptic symptoms secondary  
to ansaid  
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Left temporomandibular  
joint symptoms  
000006-1PRD-00013

Musculoskeletal strain/tendonitis  
(right groin)  
000006-625NUC-00055

Left inguinal hernia  
000006-625NUC-00055

**1991**

Upper respiratory infection/bronchitis  
000006-1PRD-00015

Left inguinal hernia  
000006-625NUC-00054

Prostatitis  
000006-1PRD-00017

Blood in urine  
000006-625NUC-00024

Allergy to Cipro  
000006-625NUC-00024

**1992**

Prostatic calcification  
000006-625NUC-00024

Patellofemoral osteoarthritis (knee)  
000006-69AQC-00072

Degenerative arthritis (both knees)  
000006-69AQC-00073

**1993**

Synovitis (left ankle)  
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**1994**

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**1996**

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000006-62SNJC-00011

Urinary tract infection  
000006-62SNJC-00011

**History of chronic pain**  
000006-48CRSA-00005

Diverticulitis of sigmoid and lower descending colon  
000006-64CMD-00071

**Arthritis**  
000006-40VMA-00009

**Lumbar strain**  
000006-69AQC-00006

**Lumbar disc versus spinal stenosis**  
000006-30HMA-00062

**Multilevel lumbar spinal stenosis (per MRI)**  
000006-53CAH-00003-4

**L4-5 spondylolisthesis (per MRI)**  
000006-53CAH-00003-4

**Lumbar spinal stenosis at L3-S1 with  
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000006-33CMD-00042

**Post-laminectomy syndrome**  
000006-30HMA-00063-64

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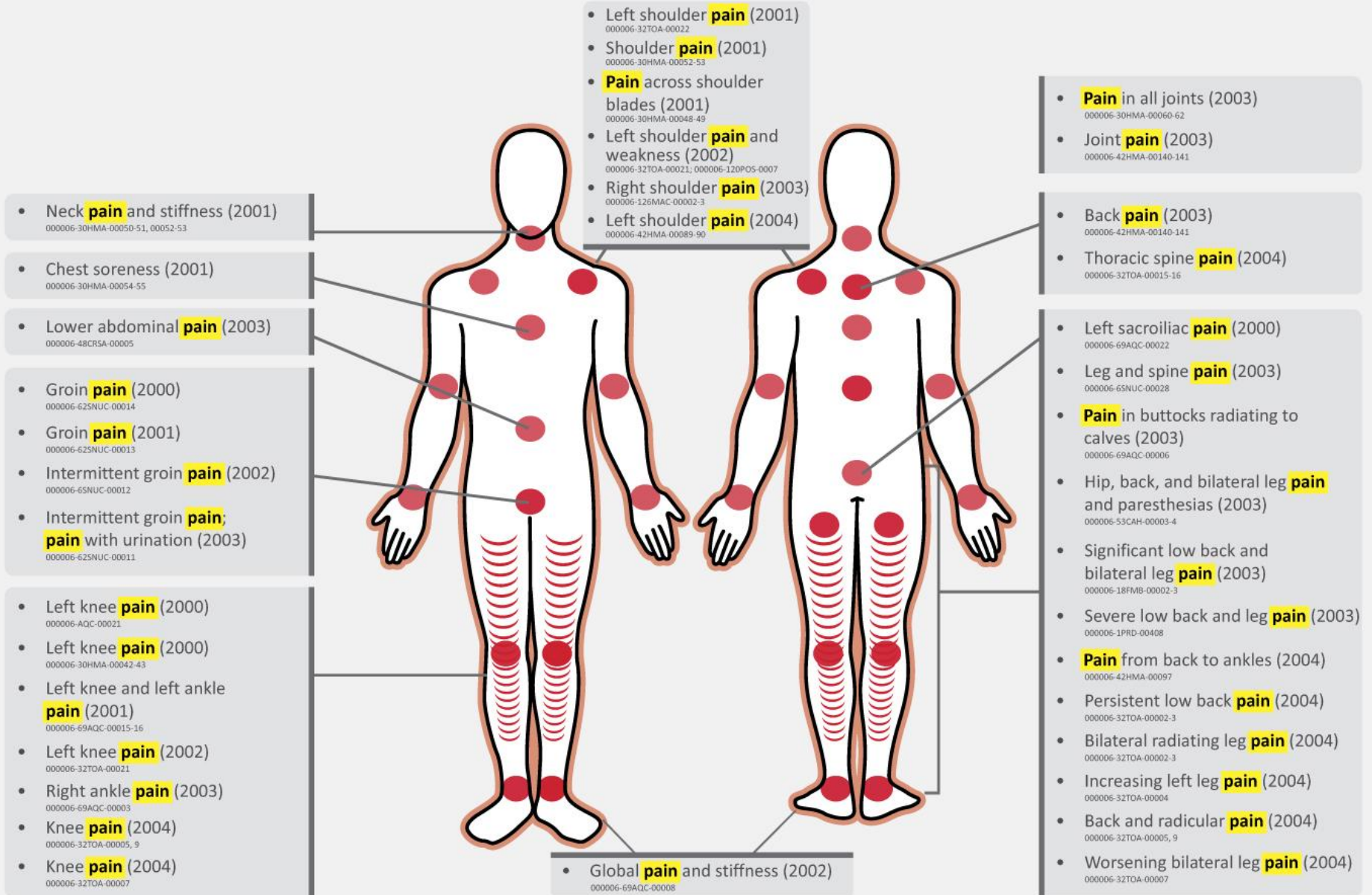
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# Mr. Smith's Pain





# Mr. Smith's Prescriptions



**Advil**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal  
anti-inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004



**Amitriptyline**

Use:  
Tricyclic antidepressant  
(TCA)  
Years Used:  
2001, 2003



**Bextra**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal anti-  
inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
2004



**Celestone**

Use:  
Steroid  
Years Used:  
2001-2002



**Darvocet-N 100**

Use:  
Opioid/narcotic  
analgesic  
Years Used:  
1998-2001, 2003



**Desipramine**

Use:  
Tricyclic antidepressant  
(TCA)  
Years Used:  
2003



**Flexeril**

Use:  
Muscle relaxer  
Years Used:  
2000, 2003-2004



**Ibuprofen**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal anti-  
inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
2004



**Lexapro**

Use:  
Antidepressant  
(SSRI)  
Years Used:  
2003



**Lortab**

Use:  
Opioid/narcotic  
analgesic  
Years Used:  
2003-2004



**Marcaine**

Use:  
Local anesthetic  
Years Used:  
2001-2002



**Medrol**

Use:  
Steroid  
Years Used:  
2003



**Mepergan Fortis**

Use:  
Narcotic analgesic/  
anti-nausea  
Years Used:  
2003



**Naprosyn**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal anti-  
inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
1999



**Naproxen**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal anti-  
inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
2001



**Neurontin**

Use:  
Anti-epileptic (AED)  
Years Used:  
2004



**Percocet**

Use:  
Opioid/narcotic  
analgesic  
Years Used:  
1998



**Soma**

Use:  
Muscle relaxer  
Years Used:  
1998



**Tylenol**

Use:  
Pain reliever  
Years Used:  
2003



**Vioxx**

Use:  
Nonsteroidal anti-  
inflammatory (NSAID)  
Years Used:  
2000-2001, 2003

000006-69AQC-00006; 53CAH-00003-4; 33CMD-00025, 41, 42; 21ECD-00002; 30HMA-00010, 63-64, 65-66; 42HMA-00097, 151, 172, 186, 187; 34NEA-00001, 2, 3, 21; 1PRD-00124, 397, 408, 497; 62SNUC-00009; 32TOA-00002-3, 4; 35UMC-00062; 40VUM-00005-6, 9; 39WBH-00019; 120POS-00007



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✓ Any change in mood Depressed because of pain + lack of sleep

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Heart disease									
High blood pressure		X	X						
Stroke									
Kidney disease									
Breast cancer				X			X		
Prostate cancer									
Colon cancer		X							
Psychiatric illness									
Anemia									

### Social History

Do you use tobacco? No How much and how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use alcohol? No How much and how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Education? High School

Vocation? Repair office equipment Still working? Retired

Are you exposed to toxins? No

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/27/00

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# February 27, 2003

## Dr. Berklacich's Notes

*Dr. Nelson* *Hoskins, Stan*

**SPINE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name Richard H. Smith Date 2/27/03  
Date of Birth 1/14/25 Age 78  
Social Security Number 412-24-6663  
Referring Physician Dr. Howard Hoskins *Right* or Left Handed (Circle One)  
Family Physician James Cato  
Occupation / Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe current back or neck pain: Lower back, buttocks, down both legs  
Heights, valves, ankles  
Symptoms started seriously 8 wks ago. Leg now weak.

Your pain as it usually is:

No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Unbearable Pain

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Your pain at it's least severe:

No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Unbearable Pain

*Woke. Wants Dr. Cato & Dr. Berklacich.*

*Had a terrible time getting his legs up after surgery.*

*Has developed diarrhea 2° Anxiety & pain.*

**Your pain as it usually is:**

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000006-52FMB-00041

# March 5, 2003

## Mrs. Smith Phone Call to Dr. Berklacich

### NURSES NOTES

DATE

Name Richard Smith MR# 5101

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was concerned about canceling the surgery since that had already been done. Explained to Mrs. Smith that I would have to discuss the situation with both Dr. Berklacich & Dr. Nampf regarding their feeling about proceeding with surgery. I will call them after speaking with them. Called Dr. Nampf's office & made them aware of the situation. Agreed Dr. Nampf's secretary will speak with him and let us know his feelings. As follows

000006-52FMB-00051

# May 2, 2003

## Neurosurgical Associates Notes – Dr. McCombs

NEUROSURGICAL ASSOCIATES  
PATIENT: SMITH, Mr. Richard H. Page 4  
DOCTOR: Paul McCombs, M.D. B.D.

21 April 03 CV: The patient returns to the office today in followup status post GLL four weeks ago. He is doing well at the present time and is pleased with the results of his surgery to date. His wound is healing nicely and looks fine. I have advised him regarding the care of his back during this period of convalescence. He will use his discomfort as a guide for his activity. He will return to see me in four weeks in followup and further recommendations will depend on how he is doing at that time. PRM/jp

No letter.

4/29/03 pr c/o not big pain being severe after going to church and out to lunch. He has a Medrol Dosepak that he will start on 4/29/03. He has taken 50 mg. of Vicoff already today.

4/30/03 pr continues w/ pain & is very concerned. 1:30 AM CMC CBC & diff sent. Red plate, Proth. fcltd 342-15503

5/1/03 pr not fine pr PK that X-ray is good as well as lab

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# March 9, 2004

## Dr. Mackey's Notes

PATIENT NAME: SMITH, RICHARD  
PATIENT NUMBER: V118895  
PROVIDER: Edward S. Mackey, M.D.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Office Visit  
PRACTICE NAME: Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance  
CHART LOCATION: 2

DOS: 3/9/2004  
JOB: 336688

DOB: 1/04/25

Mr. Smith is seen back today. He reports knee pain and worsening bilateral leg pain, no weakness, but it is more radicular type pain. The pain has gotten to the point that he is getting around in a wheelchair. Again no focal deficits, but bilateral L5 and S1 radicular complaints. He is not sleeping well.

Bone scan shows photopenia in his lumbar spine which is not surprising. He shows AC joint arthritis. Myelogram shows probable non-union at 4-5 with a little bit of lateral recessed stenosis on the right at 4-5, but otherwise fairly unremarkable.

I told him that certainly we can consider surgery. We have discussed lumbar laminectomy and fusion in the past. We have discussed the use of pedicle screws and iliac crest bone graft. We discussed the use of bone morphogenetic protein. We are going to go ahead and make him an appointment to see Dr. Everett Howell. His daughter raised the concern though about whether or not there are some other issues going on and we are going to go ahead and have him evaluated psychiatrically to make sure there is not a dementia type issue playing into this as well.

Edward S. Mackey, M.D./bdc  
Ov est. pt.  
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xc: Everett Howell, M.D.

James Calo, M.D.

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# March 29, 2004

## Dr. Mackey's Notes

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Mackey

PATIENT NAME: SMITH, RICHARD  
PATIENT NUMBER: V118895  
PROVIDER: Edward S. Mackey, M.D.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Phone Call  
PRACTICE NAME: Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance  
CHART LOCATION: 2

DOS: 3/29/2004  
JOB: 343637

DOB: 1/04/25

I again spoke with someone from Mr. Smith's family today. Apparently he has still been seeing Dr. McCombs. They are calling and wanting me to operate or arrange some type of follow up care. I explained to the patient's daughter, that he is still under the care of Dr. McCombs, that he has an appointment later on this week to see Dr. McCombs and apparently Dr. McCombs has talked to him about further surgery. I told her I would be happy to take care of him but we need to prevent this doctor shopping of going from one doctor to another. Apparently they saw Dr. Frank initially and he had recommended a laminectomy and fusion with instrumentation and referral to Dr. Berkisch, Mr. Smith at that time decided that he did not want to go that route and went to see Dr. McCombs. At this point he is not happy with his lumbar laminectomy and fusion and has come to see me. I have recommended they go back to see Dr. McCombs and complete the discussion about possible revision surgery, though I am not sure that this is necessarily what he needs to have done. CT myelogram is not terribly remarkable. An alternative I suggested would be to be referred on to one of the tertiary spine centers such as the Mayo Clinic or the Cleveland Clinic. I told her I would be happy to participate in any discussions that they have with Dr. McCombs or in any questions that he may have regarding my impressions thus far.

Edward S. Mackey, M.D./bdc

Xc: Paul McCombs, M.D.

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# March 31, 2004

## Dr. McCombs's Notes

### NEUROSURGICAL ASSOCIATES

PATIENT: SMITH, Mr. Richard  
DOCTOR: Paul McCombs, M.D. Page 7 B.D.

3/24/04 OV: The patient is seen in the office at the request of his wife. He is again having bilateral leg pain that radiates down his buttocks, perineal area, anterior part of his thigh and down to his knee. It does not go any further. He has difficulty with standing and ambulation. He went to see Dr. Mackey and Dr. Howell. After they worked him up they would not see him because he would not let them do his initial surgery. Review of the reports shows that he has stenosis at L2-3 and Dr. Mackey told him that it is recorded there is a break off of his fusion material that is encroaching some of the nerves in his lower back. Review of the CT and post myelogram shows spinal stenosis above his fusion site. I have discussed at length a treatment plan. He will have an ESI and start Neurontin 300 mg. po tid. He will followup with Dr. McCombs. He will also have an EMG per Dr. Clinton.

On exam he has a positive SLR at approximately 60 degrees for posterior thigh pain. He has had bilateral knee replacements and therefore it is difficult to evaluate knee reflexes. He has decreased ankle jerks in both legs. He denies any urinary or bowel incontinence. PK/jb

31 March 04 OV: The patient returns to the office today in followup. He had been seen by his orthopedist who sent him to Dr. Mackey who ordered a myelogram study. Dr. Mackey did not feel that the patient needed additional surgery. The patient was referred back here. His myelogram study demonstrated no nerve compromise. His EMG study demonstrated bilateral L5 and S1 radiculopathy which would explain his hip and leg pain. He is not a candidate for any type of operative intervention. He will be treated conservatively. He was instructed to take Ibuprofen 600 mg. t.i.d. and was given a prescription for Lortab to take as needed #45 with two refills. PRM/jb

No letter

5/5/04 Pt called c/o shooting & sticking feeling in buttocks & legs. He stated that he is having no relief. He is on Neurontin, Lortab w/ no relief. He is having PT at present but that hasn't helped so far. ESI has been contraindicated by Dr. Schmitt but pt does not want to do that either. Will call back he decides to take advantage of ESI at later date.  
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# May 5, 2004

## Dr. McCombs's Notes

P[atien]t called [complaining of] pricking/sticking feeling in his buttocks and legs. He states that he is taking Advil, Neurontin, Lortab w[ith] no relief. He is having [physical therapy] at present but that hasn't helped so far. ESI [Epidural Steroid Injection] has been authorized by George Schwab but p[atien]t does not want to do that now. Will call b[ac]k if he decides to take advantage of ESI at later date.

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DOCTOR: Paul McCombs, M.D. Page 7 B.O.:

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Pain has taken over my Mind & Body

I need Back Surgery

Left & Right Rotator Cuffs

Right Bicep Torn

Back Surgery to correct Pain in Legs

Forgive me, I cannot go on like this!

I cannot have my body, the temple  
of the Holy Spirit cut on anymore

I have talked to God all night and  
He understands,